



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely half term. The children settled enthusiastically to their learning. Reception were using paint to make textured tracks for their Journeys and Transport topic, Year 4 were learning about the rainforest and Year 5 were doing a dissolving investigation in their Science lesson.

It has been wonderful to see the children in the morning and after school club enjoying making effective pictures from pencil shavings amongst all the other fun activities they take part in.

I attended the Friends' meeting on Thursday evening and they are planning lots of exciting events that they will share in the coming weeks. Watch this space!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Mrs O'Melia

HAPPY TWOS-DAY! 22.2.22



Message from Mrs Roach, Maths Leader

Did you notice the date on Tuesday? The date was both a palindrome and an ambigram. We could read the same from left to right, from right to left, and upside down!

We discussed this special day together in our whole school assembly and lots of the children took part in activities linked to the number 2!

Some children thought about when this might happen again. Do you know what the date might be? Have a go at working this out!

SPORTING NEWS



There has been a lot of sport taking place at Abbey School this week.

On Tuesday, children in years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a cross country meet at Fleetville Junior School. They ran exceptionally well and we are all very proud of them.

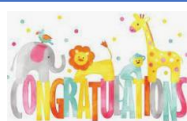
On Thursday the football team played a fantastic match against London Colney. The children should be really proud of their efforts and performance. They showed great determination throughout the game and came away with a 2:2 draw.

Today our netball team left to play their first match against Bernard's Heath. We wish them the very best for the match.

Well done to all the children for taking part this week.

LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

As promised here are some pictures of Sophia before and after she had her hair cut in aid of the charity Little Princess Trust.



Congratulations to the Blakeway - Ely family on the birth of their gorgeous boy Rafferty. We would like to wish them our warmest regards and every happiness with their beautiful little boy.



Happy Birthday to:

Zara Angelica Bella K Zander
Isabel R Bruce

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7th March – Author visit

Monday 7th March – Science Week

Thursday 10th March – World Book Day

Wednesday 16th March – Y3 trip to Celtic Harmony

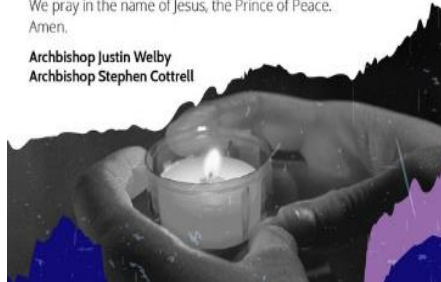
Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day

Tuesday 22nd March – Cake Sale after school

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



Today we shared this prayer and remembered our friends and families around the world

Please keep all the people affected in your thoughts and prayers.

STAR OF THE WEEK



Reception	William – Well done for having a fantastic attitude to learning and for displaying amazing behaviour.
Year 1	Evie – Well done for working hard all week and putting a lot of effort into your presentation. The invitation you wrote in your English lesson was wonderful!
Year 2	Olive – Well done for working so hard with your writing. You have really impressed everyone with your initiative to sort the books out in our classroom. Thank you for being a real star!
Year 3	Harry – Well done for always putting in 100% effort into everything you do. You are a kind friend and always display the Abbey values. Well done for working very hard to become a free reader.
Year 4	Dineli – Thank you for being super friendly and helpful to others. Well done for always working hard and trying your best.
Year 5	Stanley – Well done for working really hard this week and for always being prepared for every lesson. Thank you for concentrating really well and thinking carefully about the content of your work.
Year 6	Soraya – Well done for setting a wonderful example to the school by being a valuable source of support to a younger child. Thank you for being an encouraging and enthusiastic mentor.

MEETINGS

At Abbey School, we are always happy to arrange meetings with parents when you have a matter to discuss.

In the first instance, please make an appointment with the class teacher, as they are best placed to know the details about your child and any issue that may have arisen. If, after this meeting, you wish to take the matter further, please ask the office to arrange a meeting with the Key Stage leader: Mr Yeldham for KS2 and Miss Felstead for Reception and KS1.

If you still have any outstanding issues following this meeting, a meeting can then be arranged with Miss Felstead or Mrs O'Melia.

Following the above procedures will ensure that your concerns are dealt with as promptly and efficiently as possible. Thank you

LITTLE REMINDERS!



Hair Accessories – for the safety and comfort of your child whilst learning, we ask that hair is neat, tidy and tied back if it is long enough to do so. Hair accessories should only be black, brown or blue. Large hair accessories are not permitted.

Climbing Equipment – A polite reminder that your children do not use the climbing equipment before or after school or walk on the bank for health and safety reasons.

Packed Lunches – please ensure your child has a healthy nut free packed lunch.

MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS

Dear Parents,

The Friends have been very busy these last few weeks and have some exciting news to share:



✦ Our **Abbey Cabin Ball** at **St Michael's Manor** is taking place on **5th March** - hurry to grab your tickets here: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/abbeyfriends/#.Yhi9tN_P2dE

(PS: no need to come as couples - we are all friends here at Abbey School 😊❤️) *Ticket sales will close on Saturday, 26th Feb to allow SMM*

✦ We are very excited to launch this year's **Abbey School JUMBLEBEE AUCTION!** 'Team Jumblebee 🐝' have worked incredibly hard to raise some amazing auction items - thank you all so much!

Some of the fabulous lots to bid on are:

- ★ A 1-week-stay in a holiday villa in Menorca
- ★ 2 x Tickets for 'Pub in the Park'
- ★ A child to be headteacher for the day
- ★ Various high value spa vouchers
- ★ 2 x James blunt Tickets
- ★ 1 x Jigsaw leather handbag

Access the Auction here: <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/abbeyschoolcabinballauction2022> - either log in with your existing Jumblebee account log in or register as a new user.

The auction will go live at **Midnight, 25th Feb 2022** and will close at **9.30pm on Saturday, 5th March 2022**.

✦ A big thank you to Sasha Brooke-Williams for hosting a **Pre-Loved Dress Sale** on 9th Feb in aid of the ball - a fantastic £500 was raised for Abbey School.

✦ And lastly, Friends hosted the most successful **Popcorn Night** yet - we sold 149 tickets and raised an incredible £663! A big round of applause to all the helpers who made the event happen.

MESSAGE FROM FR CALUM

We had another lovely assembly in Church on Thursday and it was great all the pupils made it up despite the weather! It was also really lovely to welcome some parents to stay behind for coffee.

I would like to share some notices about Lent.

1. We are offering children's confirmation classes, jointly with our choristers' confirmation classes on Tuesday evenings beginning on Tuesday, 1 March. These will take place from 5.45pm until 6.30pm in the Alban Room (upstairs at the Cathedral), and are open to Year 5 and above. They run throughout Lent, and end with the possibility of confirmation in the Cathedral at the Easter Vigil on the evening of 16 April.
2. On Monday mornings in Lent, we are happy to be running a Lent course for adults, but at which toddlers are very welcome. This is at 9.30am-11am in the Offa Room (downstairs in the Cathedral). This is for adults who are looking to expand and deepen their faith. If you're interested, please email sara.harvey@stalbanscathedral.org